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Governor's Council Seeks Marathon Runner to Represent Missouri in National Marathon

Jefferson City—The Missouri Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health has been invited to select one runner to represent the state at the Second National Marathon in Washington, D.C. on March 23, 2003. Registrants must be Missouri residents and 16 years of age or older by March 23 to apply.

Donna Mueller, Executive Director of the Council, said, "Interested marathoners should not let the holidays delay their applications. This is a marvelous opportunity to participate in one of the most scenic, historic runs in the nation. The Marathon is open to wheel chair entrants as well."

The expense-paid trip for the runner includes transportation, a two-night stay in Washington, D.C. and per diem expenses. Expenses are being covered by the following: the Missouri Hotel and Lodging Association, ACT Missouri, and Clark Hampton, St. Joseph. MoDOT is providing 20 orange cones to line the marathon route, decorated to celebrate Missouri's heritage.

The runner must be available to fly to Washington, D.C. on March 22, 2003; run the marathon on March 23, and return to Missouri on March 24. The registration form is on-line at: <http://www.oa.state.mo.us/gs/marathon>. All entries must be received by e-mail or postmarked by January 10 for consideration. The winner will be notified by January 20.

This is the only marathon completely within the District of Columbia's borders that showcases not only the postcard perfect view of the nation's Capitol, but introduces neighborhoods, historical sights and favorite local spots not ordinarily seen. Last year, thousands of people lined the streets of Washington, and waved and shouted as runners streamed though. The Second National Marathon's website is: <http://www.washingtondcmarathon.com>

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